

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/916,314
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REMARKS

Claims 2, 7, 8, 11 and 13-21 are pending in the application, with claims 13-19 withdrawn from consideration. The proposed amendment cancels claims 11, 13-19 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2, 7, 8 and 20 be pending. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Claims 21 is objected to for informalities. (Office action paragraph no. 5)

The objection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 11 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Chao et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,037,190). (Office action paragraph no. 6)

The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 11 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

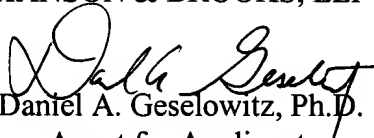
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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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